

Gideon Welles

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of Gideon Welles

Span Dates: 1777-1911

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1820-1876)

ID No.: MSS45054

Creator: Welles, Gideon, 1802-1878

Extent: 15,070 items; 44 containers plus 1 oversize; 18 linear feet; 36 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: United States Secretary of the Navy and newspaper editor. Correspondence, diaries, writings, naval records, scrapbooks, and other papers relating to Gideon Welles's work as editor of the Hartford (Conn.) Times; his activities as a member of the Democratic Party and, later, the Republican Party in state and national politics; the role of the United States Navy in the Civil War; and the presidential administrations of Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Names:

Welles, Gideon, 1802-1878

Allyn, Joseph Pratt, 1833-1869--Correspondence

Babcock, James F. (James Fairchild), 1809-1874--Correspondence.

Blair, Montgomery, 1813-1883--Correspondence

Burr, Alfred Edmund, 1815-1900--Correspondence

Chase, Salmon P. (Salmon Portland), 1808-1873--Correspondence.

Cleveland, Edward Spicer--Correspondence.

Colfax, Schuyler, 1823-1885--Correspondence

Cox, Samuel Sullivan, 1824-1889--Correspondence

Dahlgren, John Adolphus Bernard, 1809-1870--Correspondence.

Dana, Charles A. (Charles Anderson), 1819-1897--Correspondence.

Day, Calvin--Correspondence.

Dix, John A. (John Adams), 1798-1879--Correspondence

Dixon, James, 1814-1873--Correspondence

Eads, James Buchanan, 1820-1887--Correspondence

Elliott, Henry H.--Correspondence.

Faxon, William, 1822-1883--Correspondence

Ferry, Orris S. (Orris Sanford), 1823-1875--Correspondence

Field, David Dudley, 1805-1894--Correspondence

Foote, Andrew H. (Andrew Hull), 1806-1863--Correspondence.

Forbes, John Murray, 1813-1898--Correspondence

Fox, Gustavus Vasa, 1821-1883--Correspondence

Hawley, Joseph R. (Joseph Roswell), 1826-1905--Correspondence.

Howard, Mark, 1817-1887--Correspondence

Jackson, Amasa--Correspondence.

Jenkins, Thornton A. (Thornton Alexander), 1811-1893--Correspondence.

Johnson, Andrew, 1808-1875.

Johnson, Richard M. (Richard Mentor), 1781-1850--Correspondence.

Jouett, James E. (James Edward), 1828-1902--Correspondence.

Judson, Andrew T. (Andrew Thompson), 1784-1853--Correspondence.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865.

Mitchell, Henry, 1830-1902--Correspondence

Morgan, Edwin D. (Edwin Denison), 1811-1883--Correspondence.

Niles, Nathaniel, 1791-1869--Correspondence

Parker, Foxhall A. (Foxhall Alexander), 1821-1879--Correspondence.
Patton, William, 1798-1879--Correspondence
Paulding, Hiram, 1797-1878--Correspondence
Pease, J. J. R.--Correspondence.
Pettit, William V.--Correspondence.
Pratt, James J.--Correspondence.
Smith, Albert, 1805-1870--Correspondence
Smith, Joseph, 1790-1877--Correspondence
Southworth, Sylvester S.--Correspondence.
Tompkins, Daniel D., 1774-1825--Correspondence
Warner, Charles Dudley, 1829-1900--Correspondence
Weed, Thurlow, 1797-1882--Correspondence
Wilkes, Charles, 1798-1877--Correspondence
United States. Navy --History--Civil War, 1861-1865
Democratic Party (U.S.)
Republican Party (U.S. : 1854-)
Learned, Henry Barrett, 1868-1931. Papers of Henry Barrett Learned

Subjects:

Times (Hartford, Conn. : 1834 : Weekly)
American newspapers--Connecticut
Connecticut--Politics and government--19th century
Hartford (Conn.)--History
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
United States--Politics and government--19th century

Occupations:

Cabinet officers
Newspaper editors

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Gideon Welles, newspaper editor and secretary of the navy, were deposited in the Library of Congress in several installments from 1911 to 1914 by Welles's son, Edgar T. Welles. Formal conveyance of the papers to the Library was recorded in 1941. Another gift from the Welles family was made in 1915 by Alice Welles, Gideon Welles's granddaughter. Other items were acquired by the Library through various gifts and purchases, 1906-1997. The research papers of Henry B. Learned relating to Welles were given to the Library by Mrs. Learned in 1931.

Processing History:

The papers were arranged and bound in volumes in 1918, and an addition was appended in 1979. In 1963, a partial index for approximately four thousand items of correspondence in the collection was completed by John de Porry of the Manuscript Division. In 1987 the volumes were disbound and the papers reorganized and arranged for microfilming. An addition to the papers was made in 1997.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Gideon Welles is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Microfilm:

A microfilm edition of the first eight series of these papers is available on thirty-six reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Gideon Welles Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1802, July 1	Born, Glastonbury, Conn.
1819-1821	Attended Episcopal Academy, Cheshire, Conn.
1823-1825	Attended the American Literary, Scientific, and Military Academy (Norwich University), Norwich, Vt.
1826-1836	Editor and part owner, <i>Hartford Times</i>
1827-1835	Member, Connecticut House of Representatives
1834	Unsuccessful Democratic party candidate for Congress
1835	Married Mary Jane Hale
1835	Elected Connecticut state comptroller of public accounts
1836-1841	Appointed postmaster of Hartford, Conn.
1842-1843	Elected Connecticut state comptroller of public accounts
1846-1849	Chief, Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, U.S. Navy
1850	Unsuccessful Democratic party candidate for U.S. Senate
1854	Resigned from the Democratic party
1856	Unsuccessful Republican party candidate for governor of Connecticut Founder, Republican Party newspaper, <i>Hartford Evening Press</i>
1856-1864	Member, Republican National Committee and National Executive Committee
1860	Leader, Connecticut delegation, Republican National Convention, Chicago, Ill.
1861-1869	Secretary of the Navy
1868	Rejoined the Democratic party
1869-1877	Published numerous historical articles in <i>Galaxy</i>
1872	Resigned from the Democratic party to become a Liberal Republican
1878, Feb. 11	Died, Hartford, Conn.
1911	Posthumous publication, <i>The Diary of Gideon Welles</i> (Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Co. 3 vols.)

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Gideon Welles (1802-1878) span the period 1777-1911, with the core of the material concentrated in the years 1820-1878. The papers include [diaries](#), [correspondence](#), [writings](#), [naval records](#), and [scrapbooks](#) reflecting all phases of Welles's career as a newspaper editor, politician, and naval administrator. Welles was a gifted diarist, correspondent, and essayist, and his papers are a rich source of primary materials for the study of the political and social history of the United States in the nineteenth century.

The [Diaries](#) series includes a fifteen-volume diary, 1862-1869, written when Welles was secretary of the navy, and a three-volume retrospective narrative, 1861-1869, plus notes and journal entries for earlier periods in his life. Welles's Civil War diaries were excerpted and edited by his son, Edgar T. Welles, for publication in a three-volume set in 1911, drafts of which are also included in the series.

Documentation for Welles's political, literary, and personal endeavors is distributed throughout the collection. Welles's administration of the navy is most substantially documented in his [diaries](#) and in the series of official [letterbooks](#). His [diaries](#) contain observations about cabinet members during the administrations of Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson. The [Letterbooks](#) record the day-to-day operational and administrative policies enacted by the Navy Department during the Civil War including those related to the establishment of blockades, ship construction and naval ordnance, the outfitting of ironclads, naval engagements and tactical maneuvers, and the pursuit and capture of Confederate cruisers and subsequent rewarding of prize money.

In addition to the [Diaries](#) and [Letterbooks](#), the papers also include a series of [Navy Department records](#) collected by Edgar T. Welles while he was employed as chief clerk of the Navy Department, 1865-1869. The records are mostly concerned with routine administrative detail, especially solicitations for positions and appointments of clerks, midshipmen, surgeon's mates, and other minor officials.

The [Diaries](#) also document Welles's literary ambitions, evident even in his youth. He attended Cheshire Episcopal Academy and the newly founded Literary, Scientific and Military Academy in Norwich, Vermont. While enrolled at the latter school, Welles drafted one of his earliest writings entitled "Journal of an Excursion to the White Mountains," an account of a field trip undertaken by Welles and fifty other students in 1824 under the leadership of Alden Partridge, headmaster and founder of the academy. The draft of this journal is included in his diary and another copy is located in the [Speeches and Writings](#) file. Exclusive of his Civil War entries, the remainder of the diaries include occasional drafts of prose and poetry, meditations in essay form, drafts of letters, travel descriptions, and entries recording Welles's keen interest in observing the political and natural world around him. The [correspondence](#) series also contains material relating to Welles's school years and letters exchanged with family members, friends, and schoolmates from Cheshire and Norwich. Welles was a lifelong adherent to Jeffersonian principles and, until his departure in 1854, an active participant in the Democratic party. As a writer and politician, he helped organize and promote Jacksonian democracy in his home state of Connecticut through the editorial policy of his newspaper, the *Hartford Times*, and through his involvement as a Democratic party spokesman and state legislator. The [Correspondence](#) series is composed primarily of political correspondence documenting Welles's commitment to the principles of Jefferson and Jackson on both statewide and national levels first as a member of the Democratic party and then in the newly-established Republican party. Welles's correspondence with Democratic party leaders and functionaries concerns the party from Jackson's administration to that of Franklin Pierce. Letters in the [Miscellany](#) series written to Welles by John M. Niles, senator from Connecticut, 1835-1839 and 1843-1849, and postmaster general, 1840-1841, provide detailed accounts of personalities and political issues. The [Correspondence](#) series further chronicles Welles's withdrawal from the Democratic party in 1854 over the issue of slavery and the development of the Republican party. Other correspondence dates from his term of office as secretary of the navy throughout the Civil War and the early years of Reconstruction.

Observations of a more personal or family nature are interwoven throughout the correspondence. Welles's letters to his cousin, Reuben Hale, 1833-1835, were written while he was courting Hale's sister and Welles's future wife, Mary Hale. As an editorial writer and journalist, Welles contributed many articles on local and national politics to the *Hartford Times* and, after his retirement in 1869, to the *Galaxy*. The [Speeches and Writings](#) series contains copies of many of these articles, and material in the [Correspondence](#) series reveals interaction between newspaper policy and politics in nineteenth century America.

A [Miscellany](#) series includes correspondence files for Welles's longtime political ally and personal friend, John M. Niles, as well as for Welles's son, Edgar T., and his wife, Mary. The [Henry B. Learned](#) series contains research material relating to Welles compiled in the course of Learned's research on the executive branch of government.

A partial index to the correspondence is arranged alphabetically by correspondent and identifies items in the [Correspondence](#) series, the [Records of the Navy Department](#), and the correspondence files of John M. Niles, Edgar T.

Welles, and Mary Hale Welles. It also lists correspondents other than Gideon Welles in the [Miscellany](#) series for the inclusive dates 1 January 1777-25 February 1828 and 14 March 1860-19 January 1911.

The [Addition](#) includes correspondence to and from Welles, 1822-1877, letters relating to Welles, and undated drafts of his writings covering a wide range of personal, business, and political subjects, especially naval matters, the Civil War, and Reconstruction policies. Some letters and writings concern political parties and presidential candidates or questions on the limits and uses of federal and state powers. A few items date from Welles's youth in Connecticut or concern his early interest in local politics. Correspondents include Schuyler Colfax, Samuel Sullivan Cox, Charles A. Dana, John A. Dix, William Faxon, Gustavus Vasa Fox, David Dudley Field (1805-1894), Orris S. Ferry, Foxhall Parker, Joseph Smith, Charles Dudley Warner, and Thurlow Weed. The [Addition](#) has not been microfilmed or indexed.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in ten series:

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Items are arranged chronologically.

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Letterbooks, 1862-1869

Letterbooks from the office of the United States Secretary of the Navy containing copies of mostly outgoing letters and memoranda of Gideon Welles and other naval officials. Arranged chronologically. Alphabetical name indexes with accompanying subject abstracts are located at the beginning of each volume.

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Holograph drafts, fair copies, transcripts, printed copies, and notebooks for Welles's articles and speeches.
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Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

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Newspaper clippings and copies of published articles by Welles.
Arranged chronologically.

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Vol. 1, 1834-1899

Vol. 2, 1842, Feb.-1860, June *See Oversize*

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Vol. 3, 1861, Feb.-1862, Aug.

Vol. 4, 1862, Oct.-1863, Dec.

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Vol. 5, 1864, Jan.-1865, Jan.

Vol. 6, 1865, Jan.-1868, Dec.

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Vol. 7, 1869, Feb.-1872, Nov.

Vol. 8, 1873, Apr.-1900, Jan.

BOX 39-41
REEL 33-35

Miscellany, 1777-1911, n.d.

Correspondence, financial and legal documents, printed matter, cards and invitations, collected
speeches and writings by others, and notes.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

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Biographical material

Cards and invitations

Correspondents other than Welles, 1777-1885, n.d.
(2 folders)

Executive and legislative chronologies, 1866-1868

Facsimiles and transcripts

Financial, government, and legal documents, 1787-1865, n.d.

Niles, John M.

Correspondence

Miscellany, 1777-1911, n.d.

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Correspondence, 1829-1858, n.d.

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Writings

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"A Study of the Diary of Gideon Welles"

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Addition, 1822-1877, n.d.

Correspondence to, from, and relating to Welles and drafts of his writings.
Arranged by type of document and chronologically thereunder.

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Correspondence

General, 1822-1877, n.d.
(6 folders)

Miscellaneous invitations, 1860-1873

Relating to Welles, 1830-1835, 1867-1872

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Oversize, 1842-1860

Scrapbook, 1842-1860
Arranged and described according to the series and container from which it was removed.

BOX OV 1
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